



Discerning Genuine Love

| Scripture | I Corinthians 13:4-8 | Amplification |
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| 1. THIS LOVE OF WHICH I SPEAK IS SLOW TO LOSE PATIENCE | | Doesn't demonstrate irritations, has fully accepted the character of the one being dated. |
| 2. IT LOOKS FOR A WAY OF BEING CONSTRUCTIVE. | | Love is actively creative. It is able to recognize needs. It discovers successful methods of improving or contributing to the other's life. |
| 3. IT IS NOT POSSESSIVE. | | Love doesn't hold exclusive control where one is allowed little or no freedom to fulfill himself apart from the one dating him. |
| 4. IT IS NEITHER ANXIOUS TO IMPRESS. | | Doesn't seek to make an impression or create an image for personal gain. |
| 5. NOR DOES IT CHERISH INFLATED IDEAS OF ITS OWN IMPORTANCE. | | It is not self-centered. It has the ability to change and to accept change. It is flexible. It doesn't allow or expect life to revolve around itself. |
| 6. LOVE HAS GOOD MANNERS. | | Has respect for others which results in a set of Christ centered standards. Has discretion - knows what is proper and when. |
| 7. IT DOES NOT PURSUE SELFISH ADVANTAGE. | | Does not have primary concern for personal sexual appetites or social status but concern for needs of the one being dated and the families involved. |
| 8. IT IS NOT TOUCHY | | Is not hypersensitive or easily hurt. Does not take things too personally. Is not emotionally involved with personal opinions so that to reject ideas is to reject the one giving them. |



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| 9. IT DOES NOT KEEP ACCOUNT OF EVIL | Doesn't review wrongs which have been forgiven. Doesn't dwell on past evil. Destroys the evidence of past mistakes when possible. |
| 10. OR GLOAT OVER THE WICKEDNESS OF OTHER PEOPLE | Doesn't compare self with others for self-justification. Doesn't use other's evil to excuse personal weakness. Doesn't say, "Everyone's doing it." |
| 11. ON THE CONTRARY, IT IS GLAD WITH ALL GODLY MEN WHEN TRUTH PREVAILS. | Is in active fellowship with dedicated Christians. Is occupied with spiritual objectives. |
| 12. LOVE KNOWS NO LIMIT TO ITS FOREBEARANCE. | Has the ability to live with the inconsistencies of others. Has empathy for the problems of others. |
| 13. NO END TO ITS TRUST. | It believes in the person and the person's worth without question. It has no reason to doubt the person's integrity. |
| 14. NO FADING OF ITS HOPE. | It is not fickle, it has perfect peace and confidence that God is primarily responsible for introducing the right partner at the right time. |
| 15. IT HAS UNLIMITED ENDURANCE. | It is able to outlast anything, it is able to endure all obstacles and even love in the face of unreturned love. |

"YOU SHOULD BE FREE TO SERVE
ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE"
Galatians 5:13